THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Sikkim does not have an airlink at present

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) The National Airports Authority has carried out a preliminary inspection of two sites in Sikkim for the construction of an airstrip and has found that the site at Pangthang, 13 kms from Gangtok may be suitable for the construction of an airstrip with a runway length of about 2500 ft. It is estimated that the project would cost about Rs. 25 crores. Construction of an airport will depend on a detailed analysis of meteorological and contour data, clearances from environmental agencies, and funds being made available to the National Airports Authority.

Rajgir-Bodhgaya Rail Link

3615. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to State:

(a) whether the Government of Bihar has submitted a proposal for the construction of Rajgir-Bodhgaya railway line to facilitate the tourists; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Acquisition of Land by Railways

3616. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the various State Governments have demanded increase in value of land acquired by the Railways; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Halts at Dwarapudi Station

3617. SHRI K.V.R. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for improvement of Dwarapudi railway station and to provide halts of express trains there; and

(b) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Five pairs of express trains stop at Dwarapudi. There is no proposal to stop additional trains. The facilities provided at the station are adequate.

(b) Does not arise.

Medical Facilities in Coach Repair Factory Bhopal

3618. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the railway coach repair factory at Bhopal does not provide medical facilities for the workers residing within the factory colony;

(b) the time by which the post of doctor created is likely to be filled up; and

(c) the details of medical facilities pro posed to be extended to the workers, the budget allocation made during 1991-92 and the category of posts to be provided there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Indoor facilities (50 beds), Diagnostic, Maternity, OT, ECG, X-ray, Laboratory and treatment facilities are proposed to be provided. The budget allocation for workshop hospital for the current financial year is Rs. 60 lakhs. The categories of posts proposed to be provided will include Medical Officers, and other para-medical staff.

[*Translation*]

Civil Aerodrome at Agra

3619. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to construct a separate civil aerodrome at Kheria in Agra; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and when the construction work is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Conference of Chairman of State Electricity Boards

3620. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a conference of Chairmen of State Electricity Boards took place in July, 1991;

(b) if so, the details of subjects discussed; and

(c) the decisions taken in the Conference and the steps contemplated to implement them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise

LPG Agencies in West Bengal

3621. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state the reason for delay in alloting LPG agencies at Durgachak, Haldia in West Bengal?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): The delay in commissioning of LPG Agency at Durgachak is due to non selection of the distributionship as the Oil Selection Board has been suspended.

Rural Electrification

3622. SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States where full rural electrification has been made; and

(b) the name of the States which are likely to be electrified fully during the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) As on 31.3.1991, the States of Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Gujarat, haryana, Himachal pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, punjab and Sikkim have achieved cent percent village of electrification with reference to 1981 Census while Nagaland and Tamil Nadu had achieved cent percent electrification with reference to 1971 Census.

(b) This would depend upon the allocation for rural electrification programme for various states in the 8th Plan, which has still not been finalised by the Planning Commission.

[Translation]

Power Generation in Haryana

3623. SHRI AVTAR SINGH BHADANA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the total power generation capacity of power plants in Haryana;

(b) whether there is any difference between availability and demand of power in the State; and

(c) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to tide over the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The total installed generating capacity in Haryana at present is 863 MW.

(b) During the period April, 1991—July, 1991, the energy requirement in Haryana was 3271 million units, against which the availability was 3197 million units, which represents a shortfall of 74 million units (2.3%).

(c) In order to improve the availability of power in the State, the following projects are under execution by the Haryana State Electricity Board:

Name of the Project	*Type*	*Capacity (MW)*
(i) Dadupur	Hydro	4×2.5
(ii) Panipat Extension Stage IV, Unit-6	Thermal	1×210

Various other measures being taken to improve the availability of power include expediting commissioning of new generating capacity, improving the performance of existing power stations, reduction of T & D losses, implementation of demand management and energy con-